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SUBJECT: OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION: FIRST MEETING OF
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1. WE CAN ACCEPT DATES PROPOSED AND AGREE THAT FIRST
MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ORGANI-
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PARTIES WILL BE CLEARLY DESIGNATED AS OBSERVERS. OF

FIRST PRIORITY ON AGENDA SHOULD BE CHOICE OF ORGANIZATION TO ASSUME SECRETARIAT DUTIES UNDER THE CONVENTION. OUR CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR IMCO EXPRESSED IN STATE 16335 WAS SUPPORTED BY AL OST ALL STATES CONSULTED.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEM ON AGENDA OF FIRST MEETING SHOULD BE TIME OF FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING ENVISAGED IN ARTICLE XIV OF CONVENTION. WE WOULD PREFER IT TO TAKE PLACE AS EARLY IN 1976 AS SECRETARIAT COULD PREPARE FOR AGENDA AND NOTIFY CONTRACTING PARTIES. IN VIEW LOS CONFERENCE MARCH-MAY, EARLIEST PRACTICAL DATE APPEARS TO BE JUNE IF IMCO MEETING SCHEDULE CAN ACCOMMODATE IT.

3. ALSO BELIEVE THAT FIRST MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD CONSIDER AGENDA FOR FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING. WE WILL BE PREPARED SHORTLY TO SUBMIT OUR VIEWS ON PRIORITY SUBJECTS TO BE TREATED WITH VIEW TO STIMULATING PRELIMINARY

DISCUSSIONS AND PLANNING FOR APPROPRIATE WORK PRIOR FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH IMCO ASSUMING SECRETARIAT DUTIES, WE SHARE IMCO SEC GEN SRIVASTIVAS VIEWS EXPRESSED IN LONDON 14813 (NOTAL) THAT 2 POSITIONS PROVIDED TO SUPPORT OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION IN 1976/77 BUDGET BE RETAINED AND HOPE HMG AND OTHERS WILL SUPPORT THIS IN IMCO COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY MEETING IN NOVEMBER. IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, AS WE SEE IT, WILL BE TO ASSURE THAT DISTINCTION IS MAINTAINED WITHIN SECRETARIAT BETWEEN DUTIES PERFORMED BY SECRETARIAT IN SUPPORT OF 1973 MARINE POLLUTION CONVENTION AND THOSE ASSUMED BY SECRETARIAT UNDER OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS ABOVE POINTS WITH HMG AND IMCO OFFICIALS, AND EXPLORE VIEWS ON ROLE FOR IMCO WITH RESPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO CONVENING, HOSTING AND FUNDING OCEAN DUMPING CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS, AND ACTIONS WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED OF IMCO ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER IN THIS CONNECTION. KISSINGER

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